

FINE GROWTH AND PROGRESS OF V. P. I.

Virginia Has a Splendid Property in This School.

LIFE AMONG THE CADETS

They Grumble About Grub, But It is All Good and Whole-some.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSBURG, Va., June 25.—Virginia Polytechnic Institute is situated in the rich blue grass region of Southwest Virginia, mild gentle hills and rolling meadows, with a rim of blue mountains lying along the horizon.

The campus is a beautiful spot. Nearby is "White Thorn," the beautiful seat of the Prestons, and "Smithfield," the home of Governor Preston, is occupied by one of the professors of the Institute.

It is not the Preston homes that give to Blacksburg its chief historic interest. It has a greater and more lasting cause for fame. Near the college buildings stood the first English settlement west of the Alleghany mountains. Here occurred the first white marriage, and here was born the first white child west of the Alleghany.

The settlement was made between 1740 and 1750 by Thomas Ingles, formerly a wealthy London merchant and his three sons—William Mathew, and John. With them were Mrs. George Draper and her two children, Mary and John, besides a few other emigrants from Pattonsburg.

John Draper brought a bride from beyond the eastern mountains, and in the course of time little children came into the homes of both young couples.

Thomas Ingles, the eldest of William and Mary Ingles, enjoyed the distinction of being the first white child born west of the Alleghany. He had a remarkable career. At the age of four he was carried away by the Indians, and lived among them until he was seventeen, having been adopted by an old Indian chief. His subsequent life was also crowned with adventure.

But to return to the little settlement at Draper's Meadow. Several times parties of Indians passed to the southward to make war upon their enemies, the Catawbas, but they never molested the settlers and the friendliest relations existed between them.

On the 8th of July, 1755, the day before Braddock's memorable defeat at Fort Duquesne, a party of Shawnees from beyond the Ohio fell upon the little settlement and killed, wounded or captured every soul present, burning the village to the ground.

It was not rebuilt. All of the settlers who survived removed to Ingles Ferry, two miles from the present town of Radford, leaving to the site of Draper's Meadow only the memory of the tragedies thereon enacted.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute has undoubtedly one of the most beautiful campuses in the world. Ex-Governor Tyler

said Tuesday, as he strolled through the grounds with your correspondent, that he believed it was the most beautiful in the world. He had seen many of the European colleges and universities, as well as those of America, but none would equal this, he declared, in the natural beauty of its campus.

Professor Drinkard and others, well qualified to judge, are of the same opinion. There are other colleges where money has done more, but few where Mother Nature has been more lavish of her gifts.

The diversified rolling grounds, over which is scattered the college buildings, contain hundreds of noble trees, beautiful hedges and shrubbery. Its driveways are bordered by magnificent maples, which meet and form a canopy of green over head, and its prettily laid-out walks are in some instances skirted by rows of dark spruces and hemlocks that spread their long arms to the very ground, and towering in close proximity, cast deep and gloomy shades.

In contrast, graceful willows and slender, weeping beeches cast light and shadow on sunny slopes. Among the finest trees on the campus is a row of giant locusts, which look as if they might have been planted by a giant.

A charming spot on the Boulevard is just in front of the two academic buildings—large square structures of great height, almost hidden by the luxuriant growth of Boston ivy, trumpet vine and Virginia creeper that cover them from the ground to the very roof.

THE CAMPUS TREES.

The campus contains ninety acres and on it are a great variety of trees. The following partial list was prepared by Professor Price:

Maple—box elder, cork maple, red maple, silver leaved maple, sugar maple, sycamore maple, Wier's oak-leaved maple, Poplar—Lombardy poplar, American poplar, balsam poplar, Carolina poplar, white poplar.

Oaks—bur oak, jack oak, live oak, post oak, red oak, turkey oak, white oak, Ash—green ash, white ash.

Maculane—cork elm, slippery elm, yellow locust, honey locust, sourwood, black walnut, white walnut, beech, dwarf beech, purple leaved beech, birch, catalpa, tulip (poplar) pawlonia, Kentucky coffee tree, Judas tree, Ginkgo tree, sweet gum, persimmon, dogwood, mulberry, cucumber, American Linden, European Linden, American chestnut, horse chestnut, sweet gum, persimmon, silver drop, cherry, flowering crab, apple pear, Japan quince, evergreens, arbor vitae, juniper cedar, Irish juniper, Norway spruce, fir, larch, retinospora, cypress, hemlock, Austrian and other pines.

A variety of willows, vines, trumpet vine, Virginia creeper, Boston ivy, rambler roses and honeysuckle.

The rich blue grass of the campus is always kept mowed and free from weeds and trash, which adds much to its attractiveness.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute received its present name nine years ago. From the date of its establishment, in 1872, until that time, it was known as Virginia Agricultural Mechanical College, the funds for its endowment being donated by the national government for instruction in agricultural and mechanical arts.

FIRST COMMENCEMENT.

The first commencement was held in 72. The thirty-second, which closed Wednesday, was the most successful in the history of the college. The graduating class was the largest ever turned out, the daily program was interesting, the weather was ideal and everything passed off without a single unpleasant incident.

The session just closed has been the most successful in the history of the institution, said Dr. McBride. The largest number of students were enrolled and the Professor's report shows the best classed records. The health of the school has also been the best. There have been few cases in the hospital and it is the first session there have been no contagious diseases in the school.

The building operations have also been more extensive than ever before. The new science hall is nearing completion. The new agricultural building is well

A Sale of Sixteen Button Long Silk Gloves.
\$1.00 Quality 50c.
Black and White, elbow length.

25c Wash Belts 10c.
White embroidery, linen finished.
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We have secured some large lots of dress goods from the largest Eastern manufacturers and importers. Many mills and importers were anxious to dispose of their surplus stocks and broken lines. We took entire lots and offer them to-day at prices that will make new records for lowness.

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One of the most popular light weight dress materials for warm weather wear. Splendid copy of silk. Has beautiful and lustrous finish. Comes in polka dots, neat figures, plain and fancy stripes, made to sell for 25c a yard, special at 15c.

39c White Dotted Swiss 25c.
Fine, sheer material, dainty for evening and street wear. Comes in neat woven dot and corded stripe with neat and medium size dots between the stripes; regular 39c values, here at 25c.

18c White India Linon 12 1-2c.
40 inches wide, beautiful fine, sheer quality. Dainty for women's and children's dresses. Launderers perfectly; the 18c qualities, at 12 1-2c.

25c Eolienne and Poplin 14c.
These goods have a neat poplin weave, splendid copy of the all-wool goods. Come in plain colors, evening shades, street colors and rich black; regular price 25c a yard at 14c.

8c Lawn and Batiste 5 1-2c.
These sheer dress materials on sale at almost half regular price. Come in black and colored polka dots, neat and medium size rose buds and neat figures on white grounds; well worth 8c a yard, while the lot lasts, 3 1-2c.

50c White French Organdy 39c.
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The lot includes such popular dress materials as all wool plain and figured batiste, voile, albatross, Nun's veiling and canvas etamine. Stylish for evening and street wear; worth from 60c to 65c a yard, your choice, 49c.

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White Bed Spreads, summer weight, nice pattern, large size, 98c. each, worth \$1.25. \$1.25 each for White Crochet Bed Spreads, extra large size, well raised designs, slightly soiled, value \$1.50. \$1.50 each, value \$1.75—Fringed Crochet Bed Spreads, large. \$1.75 each, value \$2.00—Colored Fringed Bed Spreads, in the new shell patterns, double bed size.

75c Silks 42c.

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Cambrie Embroideries, choice of several widths, neat patterns. Unusual value. 10c a yard, values to 12c—Embroideries, all the wanted widths, some wide enough for skirt flouncings. 10c a yard, values to 15c—Cambrie and Nainsook Edgings, pretty patterns. All-over Embroideries, dainty open-work patterns, 50c and 75c a yard, values 75c to \$1 a yard.

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Pleated White Madras Shirts with attached cuffs—the kind that every man wants a few of this year. These would have been sold ten times over had it not been for a strike in the laundry helpers in Troy. As it is the 600 will probably go out to-day. All fresh, clean and pressed in the new dress paper in the original packages, opened for the first Monday. Two styles.

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At 98c.

Sale Ladies' Shirt Waist. Absolutely Lowest Prices Ever Made.

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Waist made of Persian Lawn, striped with insertion, with small tucks back and front, full sleeves, at 67c. Persian Lawn Waist, made with tucks to form a yoke in front, back tucked with panel pleat, hemstitched, full sleeve with hemstitched cuffs, with linen collar; was \$1.45, now \$1.15.

Sale Shirt-Waist Suits. Sale You Can't Afford to Miss.

Linen Finished Cannon Cloth Suit, waist made of tucks in back and front, with panel of heavy embroidery, sleeves full, deep cuff, fastened with three buttons, skirt seven gored, with panel of heavy embroidery, with pleats from knee down, round length, was \$4.75, now \$3.75.

Dotted Swiss Suits, waist made with small tucks back and front, with panel of embroidery, full sleeves, tucked out to elbow, skirt seven gored with tucks down each seam, round length, was \$4.75, now \$3.75.



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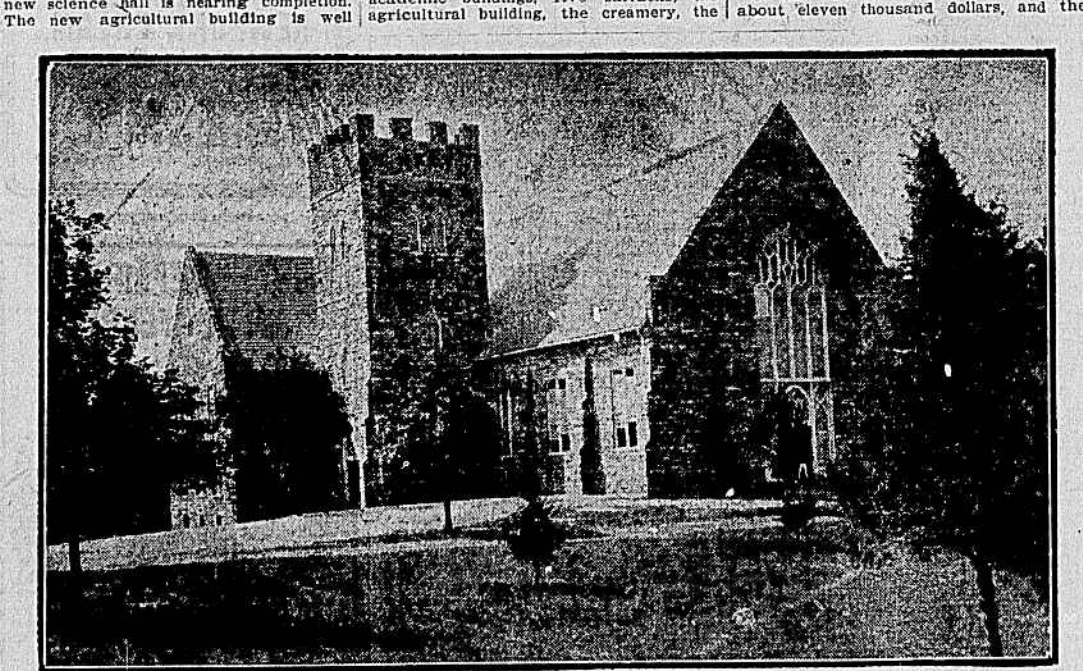
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NEW AUDITORIUM AT THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE SEATS 1,200 PEOPLE.

under way and when completed will be the largest and handsomest building on the campus. It will be built of gray stone from one of the most beautiful gray stones to be found in this section.

The administration building, a pretty light stone structure containing the offices of the president of the faculty, was finished this year, as well as the college auditorium, a large, handsome building of gray stone with a seating capacity of about twelve hundred.

The capacity of the shops has been about doubled; also the capacity of the mess, which now contains two dining halls, 80 by 120 feet, in addition to other rooms. The powerhouse has also been enlarged, a large and up-to-date cattle-feeding barn has been built, also a large barn for grain at the Experimental Station, two four-room laborers cottages, and two professors' residences.

The college farm contains over a thousand acres, 400 of which are owned by the college and 750 acres leased for a long term of years. Of this, 150 acres is in corn, 100 in grass for hay, 50 in alfalfa corn, besides some hundreds of acres in pasture.

EXPERIMENT STATION.

The Experiment Station has about twenty-five acres in fifth-of-an-acre plots on which wheat, rye, oats, barley, root crops, and many variety of legumes are being raised for scientific tests.

This is the work of Professor Soule, dean of the Department of Agriculture, who came to the school a year ago from the University of Tennessee, though he is Canadian, educated at the great Technical School at Toronto. Under his leadership, the agricultural department seems to have taken a new lease of life. Much has been accomplished this year and backed by the enthusiasm, energy, and ability of Professor Soule, the prospect seems bright for great things. The great need at present is money with which to carry forward the work.

The college boys are made of neatness, and everything is conducted on strictly scientific principles. There are

between two and three hundred head of cattle, one hundred and twenty-five pure bred animals—short, horn, Angus, Jerseys, Holsteins, and Guernseys, besides thoroughbred sheep and swine. About one hundred milk cows are required to supply the college with milk, Dr. McBride said.

The college buildings comprise, in addition to those already mentioned, two academic buildings, five barracks, the agricultural building, the creamery, the

with all modern appliances, and the wards are sunny and light. It has about thirty cows.

The homes of the professors are substantial brick buildings conspicuous just now for the wealth of crimson rambling roses, which "cover" their verandas.

THE HOME OF DOCTOR MCBRIDE is one of the most beautiful in Virginia. It was built by the State at a cost of about eleven thousand dollars, and the

Doctor seems proud of the fact that the plumbing, hot-water heating, electric lighting, etc., was done by the students, which materially lessened the cost of the building. The plans were drawn by Doctor McBride himself.

The house is most remarkably furnished and contains some beautiful paintings. The furniture, by the way, is the property of Dr. McBride, and not of the State.

But it is the grounds that make this home so surpassingly lovely. It crowns a gently sloping hill, around which winds a beautiful drive. A wide covered veranda extends around three sides of the building, from which one looks down on the lordliest and most beautiful forest trees, all white oaks and hickories. A more ideal location for a home could hardly be found.

The mess hall contains two dining-rooms, each of which seat about 480 students. They march from their barracks at the beat of drum, and take their seats at a given signal. Despite the fact that they cut the mess hall at supper one night, this spring, and notwithstanding the fact that there are always some who grumble at the food, the mess hall is remarkably well managed, the food plentiful, well cooked and well served and of greater variety than is found in most boarding schools and colleges.

It is human nature to grumble about something. At home one generally chooses the weather. If at school, the food. It is a sort of habit with some people. And it is possible that the revolt at the Virginia Military Institute had something to do with the cutting of supper at V. P. I. last spring.

It seems that V. M. I. had some excuse, however. One of the menus on which they kicked, was a supper of cold bread, syrup and potato hash.

At the Polytechnic, the boys had good meat at every meal. They have had bread twice every day except on Sunday, when it is served only at dinner; they have two or three vegetable, and desert every day. In fruit season they

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